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Re: Docket No. 2008-0083 - Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules

Dear Parties:

For your information and review, enclosed please find copies of public comments and correspondence received by the commission in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kaiulani Kidani Shinsato".

Kaiulani Kidani Shinsato
Commission Counsel

KKS:cp

Enclosures

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08/25/2008 04:51 PM

To <Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov>
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Subject HECO's 2009 5.2% electric rate increase request

Dear Commission:

I am firmly against any rate increase that HECO is asking for right now. With the cost of oil being so high today, I have seen my own electric bill more than double. I have drastically cut my electric usage. I no longer use my AC, instead I have installed 2 low amps window fans, and yet my monthly bill for the past two months has been more than what it was a year ago, (when I ran my AC every night during the same summer months). This latest bill shows the Base Fuel Energy to be \$31.92, and then there's also a charge called the Energy Cost Adjustment which is \$41.12. So in other words, I'm paying a total of \$73.04 just for the oil that HECO states that they have used, to supply me with 359 KWH for this period, (1 year ago, I've used 531 KWH). Like I've said, although I've been cutting back on my electric use, the past 3 months my bill has been in the 3 digits, and I'm single with no one else living with me. On top of all the other increases in the cost of living in Hawaii, mostly caused by the price of oil, how much more of an increase can we handle before we are unable to pay our bills and living expenses?

I think that this is a very bad time for any utility company to be asking for an increase. Yes, I understand that there are many improvements that needs to be addressed with our electric grids and infrastructure, but I really think that this rate increase should be delayed for now. Since the oil industry is so volatile, and predicting near future world events are almost impossible, your commission should not approve a rate increase until the price of oil drops to stable levels once again. Or approve a smaller rate increase like 2.6% for now, then a year later, have another hearing for an additional 2.6% increase.

I like many others do not own any property, but pay rent. Although I've had to deal with all the increases in the cost of living, I've so far been able to make ends meet, sometimes barely. And because I work in the Hospitality Industry as a waiter, my income varies a lot with the tourism business, and it is so far decreasing. I feel that a lot of others out there are not as lucky as I. I used to donate some of my income to charity like the Food Bank, IHS, etc., but now I'm unable to. Working on just a little over minimum wage, and whatever tips I make, I just can't, with all the increases that I've been having to pay. So I think that although what HECO is asking for may seem like a small amount for us to pay. But now that we are budgeting tightly just to get by, this increase will make it that much harder.

Please think deeply about this before you make your final decision.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jeff P.



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08/17/2008 01:58 AM

To <Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov>, <, <reps@Capitol.hawaii.gov>
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Subject OUTRAGE

I suppose you'll claim an advert in the newspaper was enough. I DO NOT SUBSCRIBE.

I just found out that my electric bill has increased by more than \$100.00---in ONE month! FOR NO INCREASE IN USAGE!!

It is bad enough that my bill has increased nearly that much in the past year-----AGAIN, for the same usage! Now, NOW, I find a secret agreement, (must be secret--I read everything, everyday--online) that increases my already highest rate in the nation more. 33% more! (if, and I stress if, you truly ask for public opinion, you would send the notice thru the internet, the mail, scream it from the rooftops---this is totally unacceptable)

You find this acceptable? Would be that I made your money then!!!!!!

My personal opinion is so cruel it may get me into trouble just to voice it.

This is unconscionable.

Looking to get off the grid,
Dennis M. Corrigan



"Kim Guynes"
<kim@rubytuesdayhawaii.com>

08/05/2008 09:20 AM

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Subject NO Rate Increase!

History:

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Dear Sirs,

In this economy I think it is very unfair for HECO to ask for yet ANOTHER rate increase. My average bill is well over \$450 per month. I have a solar water heater, I have unplugged all appliances not in use, changed out my light bulbs, and have even tinted my windows on the south facing side of the house. Yes my bill went down, but only by \$30 dollars. I can't go to my employer and ask for a raise because I have to pay my electric bill. I think the people of this state need a break. Everything is already so HIGH. PLEASE don't give in and think of the people of Hawaii. We don't have deep pockets. Tell HECO to make cuts just as we the people have had to do. Thank you for your time.

Kim Guynes
Ewa Beach, HI